Monday 18th January

Welcome & Introduction – 1.30pm - 2.00pm

KEYNOTE ADDRESS 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Chantal Mouffe | University of Westminster, UK

Session 1 – 4.30pm – 6.00pm

Panel A

Fabio Mengali | Independent Scholar
Vox populi and the voice of capitalism: domination and exploitation within right-wing neo-populism

Igor Milić & Luka Nikolić | University of Trento, Italy
Together Alone: Populism and its Misdemeanors

Veith Selk | TU Damstadt, Germany
Populism and the Devolution of Democracy

Panel B: Brighton Populism Studies

Mark Devenney | University of Brighton, UK
The People Is Not The Demos: Conflicting Logics of the Political After Laclau

Andy Knott | University of Brighton, UK
Populism, Brexit, and crisis

Clare Woodford | University of Brighton, UK
Democracy, populism, and extremism in Laclau & Mouffe

End of Day One
Tuesday 19th January

Session 2 – 9.30am – 11.00am

Panel A (Chair: Viktoria Huegel)

Maura Ceci | Leiden University, Netherlands
Between Indefinability and Usage: toward a philosophical understanding of populism

Mareike Gebhardt | University of Münster, Germany
The Populist Movement: Affective Orders, Protest, and Politics Of Belonging

Lasse Thomassen | University of Copenhagen, Denmark
The “populist” constitution of liberal democracy

Panel B

Musa Akman | Istanbul Technical University, Turkey
The Need for Populism

Ayan Das | University of Gour Banga, India
Debajit Goswami | Netaji Subhas Open University, India
How to identify a Populist political party? Is populism a threat to capitalism or is it a tactical process of capitalist expansion and its legitimacy

Daniel Petz | Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia
The dark side of nonviolent action? Inquiry into the increased use of nonviolent action by the political (far) right

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Session 3 – 11.30am – 1.00pm

Panel A

Thomás de Barros | Sciences Po Paris, France
Symptom or Sublimation: Psychoanalytic Metaphors to Study Populism and Democracy

Karolina Jedrzejczak | University of Manchester, UK
Populism and two crises of liberal democracy

Inias Laureys | KU Leuven, Belgium
Loneliness and Populism: Why COVID-19 could threaten Modern-day Democracy

Panel B

Daniel Abrahams | University of Glasgow, UK
The People’s Past: Democratic Constraints on Memorials and Public History

Katy Brown | University of Bath, UK
Talking ‘with’ and ‘about’ the far right: how the populist hype means we do both

Callum Tindall | University of Nottingham, UK
Populist Political Volatility: The Brexit Party as a Disruptor of British Political Stability
Session 4 – 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Panel A (Chair: Yonathan Listik)

Olga Lenczewska | Stanford University, USA
Electoral Competence, Epistocracy, and Standpoint Epistemologies: A Reply to Brennan

Zoran Lutovac | Institute of Social Sciences, Serbia
Pandemic and stabilocracy in Serbia

Guilel Treiber | KU Leuven, Belgium
Mass-Society, Social Media and the Return of the Crowd

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Panel B

Gözde Böçü & Nidhi Panwar | University of Toronto, Canada
Transnational Populism in India and Turkey: BJP’s and AKP’s Populist Engagement with Citizens Abroad

Dario Mazzola | University of Bergen, Norway
The Essence of Populism: On trends in global politics

Mark Reiff | University of California, Davis, USA
The Unbearable Resilience of Illiberalism

End of Day Two

Wednesday 20th January

Session 5 – 9.00am – 10.30am

Panel A

Antonis Galanopoulos & Giorgos Venizelos | University of Thessaloniki, Greece
Anti-populism and populist hype during the COVID-19 pandemic

Giacomo Marossi | University of Eastern Piedmont, Italy
Has populism been defeated by the COVID crisis? A definite “no”

John Park | California State University, USA
Meritocratic Democracy Over Democracy & Epistocracy for Minority Rights

Svetlusa Surova | Independent Scholar
COVID-19 measurements and their consequences for democracy and individual rights in Slovakia
Break

Session 6 – 11.00am – 12.30pm

Panel A

Viktoria Huegel | University of Brighton, UK
Rethinking political authority: Carl Schmitt’s notion of commissarial dictatorship

Gianluca Ronca | Collegio Ghislieri, Pavia, Italy
Solidarity and responsibility at the Covid-19 time. A Sartrean suggestion to political emancipation

Dan Swain | Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic
Marxism and the Democratisation of Authority

Panel B

Elżbieta Korolczuk | Södertörn University, Sweden
Conceptualizing the relation between populism and gender: an opportunistic synergy and its opponents

Michał Kozłowski | University of Warsaw, Poland
In Poland and Beyond: How women’s empowerment shapes authoritarian populism

Malena Nijensohn | Independent Scholar
For a populist feminism. Potentialities and limitations of populist articulations for a feminist resistance to neoliberal technologies of government

Wojciech Ufel | SWPS University, Poland
Pseudo-Populisms in Semi-Peripheral Conditions: Discussing the Evidence from East and Central Europe

Break

Session 7 – 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Panel A

Michele Luz & Leticia Baron | Federal University of Pelota, Brasil
The role of nostalgia in the populist far right discourse

Jairo Lima & José Mauro Garboza Jr | UNEP, Brasil
Isn’t populism a non-problem?

Sergio Schargel | UFF, Brasil
A Brazil of three Brazils: Is Bolsonarism a form of populism or fascism?
Panel B (Chair: Chris Griffin)

Jamil Civitarese | Independent Scholar
Deliberating, Fast and Slow: Civic Productivity under Technological, Institutional, and Cognitive Constraints

Gustavo Guille | University of Buenos Aires, Argentina
Populism or Democracy: Deconstructing opposition like an emancipatory politics

Philipp Wolfsberger | UNAM, Mexico
Frictions of populism, class and identity in contemporary Mexico

Session 8 – 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Panel A

Spiros Makris | University of Macedonia, Greece
The Spinozist metaphysics of multitude: A reflexive approach

Boris Mihacevic | University of Ljublana, Slovenia
Emotions, politics, and truth in light of covid-19

Gustavo Robles | National University of La Plata, Argentina
Authoritarianism and the sovereign subject

Davide Vicini | Independent Scholar
Populism as an extreme consequence of the split between politics and the truth of modern politics

End of Day Three
## Thursday 21st January

### Session 9 – 9.30am – 11.00am

**Panel A**

**Anat Ascher** | Open University of Israel, Israel  
*The truth of post-truth politics: where is democracy headed?*

**Harrison Lechley** | University of Brighton, UK  
*Democracy as Resistance*

**Michał Nawrocki** | University of Warsaw, Poland  
*Populism as a process of (re)constructing community: two dialectics of populism*

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**Panel B**

**Adam Dorsey** | Nottingham Trent, UK  
*Populism: A Critique and Endorsement*

**Tivadar Vervoort** | KU Leuven, Belgium  
*Critique of Reification as a Critique of Forms of Life*

**Karolina Wiśniowska** | Jagiellonian University, Poland  
*Populism in times of crisis - possibility of a technocratic solution*

**BREAK**

### Session 10 – 11.30am – 1.00pm

**Panel A**

**Judson Abraham** | Virginia Tech, USA  
*Populist Just Transitions in the Green New Deal: A Gramscian Perspective*

**Luke Edmeads** | University of Brighton, UK  
*Democracy: Resisting realisation*

**Mudar Kassis** | Birzeit University, Palestine  
*Can a differential diagnosis between populism and a revolutionary situation help the left overcome populism?*

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**Panel B**

**Chris Griffin** | University of Brighton, UK  
*Speculative Narratives of ‘Reassuring Certitude’: Strategic Foundationalism in Post-Truth Populism*

**Matthias Lorenz** | Independent Scholar  
*Antisemitic representations of ‘Jewish interests’ in contemporary German right-wing populism*

**Fabian Voegeli** | York University, Canada  
*Switzerland: A Populist Democracy? The Indeterminacy of Direct Democracy, Staging of Conflict, and Exclusion*

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*End of Day Four*
Friday 22nd January

Session 11 – 9.30am – 11.00am

Panel A (Chair: Harrison Lechley)

Sebastiaan Bierema | National University of Ireland, Galway
A General Strike against Reality: critical/conspiracy theories and post-truth politics

Catherine Koekoek | University of Rotterdam, Netherlands
Groundless contestation: post-truth, agonism, and democracy

Yonathan Listik | University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
A Case for Political Stupidity

Panel B

Furkan Cay | University of Szeged, Hungary
2007 Presidential Election Crisis: Beginning of Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s Open Populist Practices

Airlangga Pribadi Kusman | Airlangga University, Indonesia
The Dynamic of Islamic Populist Activism in Indonesia: From Islamism to Reactionary Politics

Himadri Sekhar Mistri | Jawaharlal Nehru University, India
Political Identity and Creating ‘Other’: Understanding the Rise of Hindutva Populist Movements in Contemporary India

BREAK

Session 12 – 11.30am – 1.00pm

Panel A

Will Barclay | Carleton University, Canada
A Sheep In Wolf’s Clothing

Maurits Helmich | Erasmus University Rotterdam
The Populist Critique of the ‘Political Judge’: A Child of Liberalism

Zane Elward | Indiana University, USA
Neofascism and Reactionary Populism: The Failings of Liberal Democracy and the Rebranding of the Italian Far Right

Panel B

João Nunes de Almeida | Independent Scholar
The Digital Blind Spot of Populist Formations: Towards a Critique of Nihilist Conceptions of Technology

Ben Jack Nash | Independent Artist
Just what is the matter?

Emilia Palonen | University of Helsinki, Finland
Theorizing Hegemony, Populism and Polarisation for the Era of Hybrid Media

KEYNOTE ADDRESS 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Paula Biglieri | University of Buenos Aries, Argentina